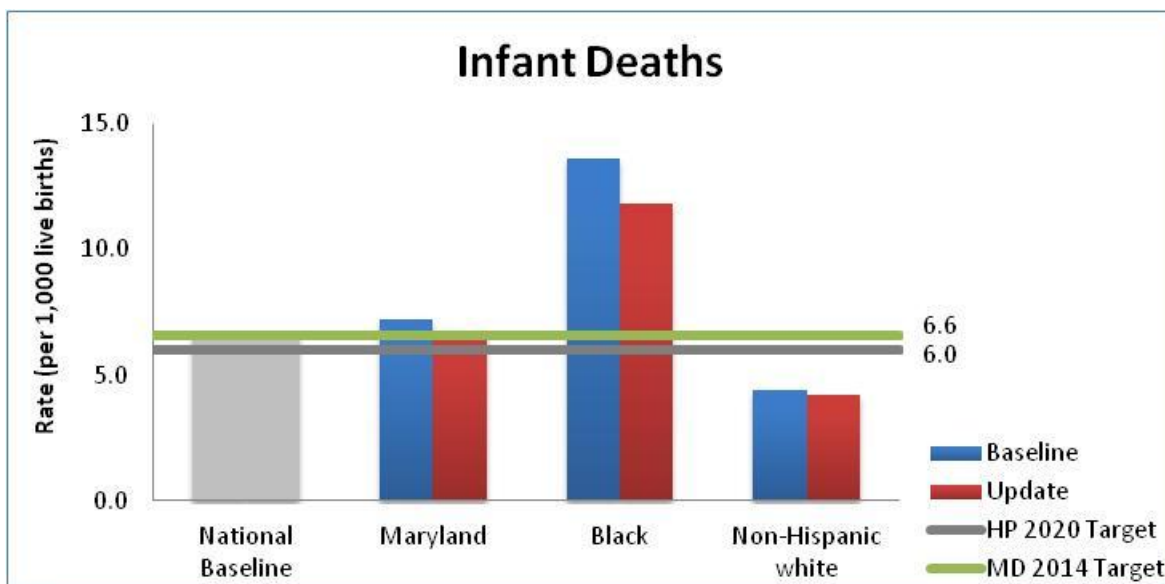# Objective 2: Reduce infant deaths

Infant mortality has long been considered the most sensitive indicator of the overall health of a population. While there have been several decades of improvement in infant mortality, Maryland's rate remains higher than the national average.

⬤ Update Summary: On track or meeting the Maryland 2014 Target

Statistics and Goals

Measure: Rate of infant deaths (per 1,000 live births)

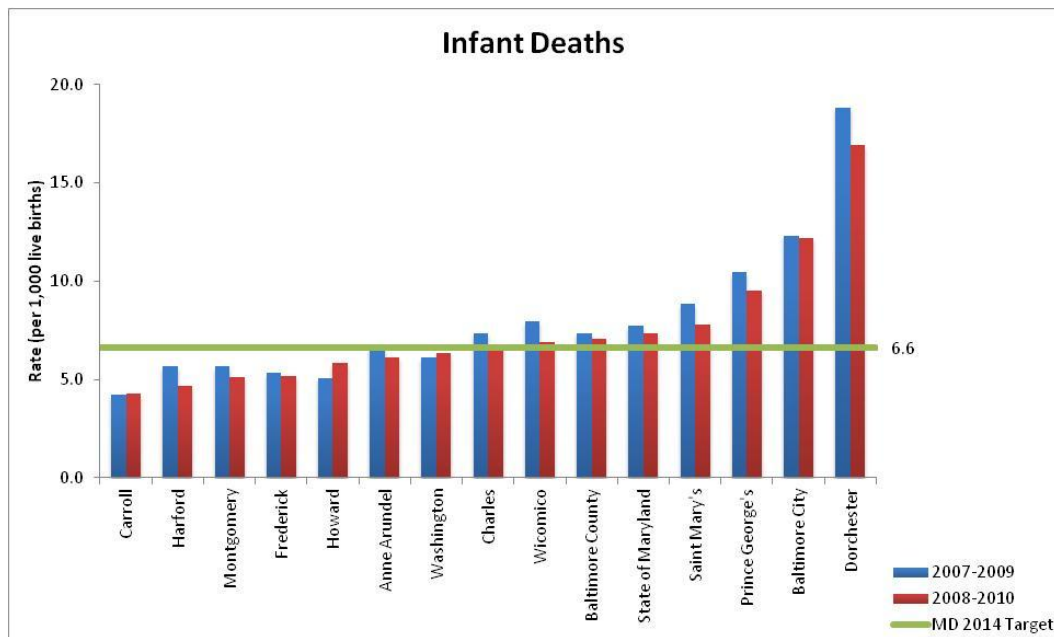National Data Source: Healthy People 2020, National Vital Statistics System

Maryland Data Source: Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration

National Baseline	Maryland SHIP	Year	Total	Black	NH White	SHIP 2014 Target
6.7	Baseline	2009	7.2	13.6	4.4	6.6
(2006)	Update	2010	6.7	11.8	4.2	

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Local-Level Data

Measure: Rate of infant deaths (per 1,000 live births)

Data Source: Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration

County	2007-2009	2008-2010
State of Maryland	7.7	7.3
Allegany	14 (Count only)	12 (Count only)
Anne Arundel	6.7	6.1
Baltimore City	12.3	12.2
Baltimore County	7.3	7.1
Calvert	15 (Count only)	14 (Count only)
Caroline	11 (Count only)	12 (Count only)
Carroll	4.2	4.3
Cecil	12 (Count only)	15 (Count only)
Charles	7.4	6.7
Dorchester	18.8	16.9
Frederick	5.4	5.2
Garrett	3 (Count only)	6 (Count only)
Harford	5.6	4.7
Howard	5.1	5.8
Kent	4 (Count only)	3 (Count only)
Montgomery	5.7	5.1
Prince George's	10.4	9.5
Queen Anne's	9 (Count only)	10 (Count only)
Saint Mary's	8.9	7.8
Somerset	11 (Count only)	5 (Count only)
Talbot	2 (Count only)	3 (Count only)

County	2007-2009	2008-2010
Washington	6.1	6.4
Wicomico	8.0	6.9
Worcester	6 (Count only)	8 (Count only)

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Data Details	
National Data	
Source	Healthy People 2020, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), CDC, NCHS
Year	2006
Maryland Data	
Source	Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration
Year	
Baseline	2009
Update	2010
Calculation	
Numerator	Number of deaths of children less than one year old
Denominator	Number of live births
Population source	Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration
Single year method	(x/y)*1,000
Combined year method	Total number of deaths divided by total number of births
Notes	
Race/ethnicity	Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in the data for each race group according to self-reported race except whites. Rates for non-Hispanic whites are reported. Hispanic rates include all deaths to persons of Hispanic origin of any race.
Censoring	Rates not reported if number of deaths was less than 20.
Origin	Data obtained from the DHMH Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Lee Hurt, 5/30/12
Other	---